

World Service



# Conference Report

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## WSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE

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The WSC Literature Committee has focused its energies primarily on planning for future literature development. The committee, during its meeting at the November world services meeting, reviewed membership criteria. In this year's CAR, relevant membership questions were added to the literature committee's nomination form. The WSCLC will seek assistance from the WSC Policy Committee with our nomination and removal guidelines.

Also at this meeting, the WSCLC and the WSC H&I Committee in a cooperative effort approved the revision of a service-related pamphlet, *Hospitals and Institutions Service and the NA Member*. The two committees spent a couple of years writing and revising this pamphlet. We will ask approval for this revision at WSC '96.

In addition, we are exploring avenues of development for personal stories. Currently, the personal stories in the Basic Text do not reflect the diversity of Narcotics Anonymous today and communities that have translated the Basic Text desire personal stories from their respective communities. The WSCLC is planning to revise the personal story guidelines, and we anticipate working with the WS Translation Committee during this process. The WSCLC will begin to review the format and proposed changes during WSC '96.

The WSCLC has offered the fellowship an A-list in this year's CAR. These two pieces, Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides and a sponsorship booklet, will have time lines and work plans available at WSC '96. These A-list items have been determined by requests from the fellowship; however, their future development remains contingent upon the inventory. The WSCLC is aware that WSC '95 passed a two-year inventory plan with the resolution phase being the number one priority, following basic services. We recognize that perhaps the A-list may be viewed as a long-term future literature development planning consideration for our fellowship.

Change, through the inventory process, has given the WSCLC an opportunity to inventory itself and to plan for the future literature needs of a worldwide fellowship. At times during the last few years these changes seemed exciting, and at times frustrating. The frustration may stem from the actual lack of literature creation and development. Conversely, the excitement appears to be the anticipation of change within world services. During this period of flux, the WSCLC is grateful for the continued support from our fellowship.

**During my years of service with the WSCLC, I have experienced many changes in the literature development process. These changes paved the way for our fellowship to approve It Works: How and Why and Just For Today. As I leave the WSCLC at WSC '96, I believe future changes will serve to help us, as we carry the message of recovery in written form to the addicts who still suffer. I would like to thank each and every member of our fellowship for this gift of service.**

**In loving service,**

***Jane Nickels, chairperson***

***Jorge Blanco, vice chairperson***